



The Lincoln eLetter



Blanche Lincoln – U.S. Senator for Arkansas

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Dear Fellow Arkansan,

Meeting with Arkansans is the best part of my job, and I was pleased to start the new year traveling across the state for a week of economic development meetings and civic events. Your input is critical as I fight to rebuild our nation's economy and put 100,000 jobless Arkansans back to work.

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I began the week in **Searcy** touring the Bryce Corporation plant before meeting with Mad Butcher employees in **McCrory**. Monday evening, I was pleased to serve as the keynote speaker for "Celebrate Augusta," an annual event hosted by the **Augusta** Chamber of Commerce.

On Tuesday, I served as the keynote speaker at a meeting of the Downtown Kiwanis Club of **Little Rock** and at the 70th annual **Stuttgart** Chamber of Commerce dinner. At both events, I was able to hear what is on the minds of Arkansans when it comes to creating jobs and putting the economy back on the right track – my number one priority for Arkansas. I'm proud that in my role as chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I can enable Arkansans to have a stronger voice in Washington on issues critical to the economic well-being of our state. Agriculture is the backbone of Arkansas's economy, creating more than 270,000 jobs in the state and providing \$9.1 billion in wages and salaries.

Another one of the highlights of my week was meeting with students at **Sheridan** **Sheridan** High School on Wednesday. Speaking to the next generation of leaders always inspires me. I was also pleased to meet with area economic leaders and with poultry growers as we continue to support efforts to get **El Dorado's** poultry industry back up and running.

Thursday, I served as the keynote speaker at the Annual Quality Asphalt Paving Conference in **Little Rock**, where I discussed the importance of investing in our infrastructure to help put people back to work. I also had the opportunity to tour and meet employees at the new Hewlett-Packard facility in **Conway** and discuss the city's economic development priorities with local leaders.

My week ended with the 64th annual Coon Supper in **Gillett**, a time-honored tradition and truly unique event.

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This week, I will visit with Arkansans during the Municipal League Conference in **Little Rock** and at the groundbreaking of a new roundabout in **North Little Rock**, a project made possible by the Recovery Act. Finally, Steve, the boys, and I will ride in the Martin Luther King Day parade on Monday in Little Rock and then I'm off to speak to the **Dumas** Chamber of Commerce later that night.

As always, please feel free to [contact me](#). I look forward to hearing from you.

With Arkansas Pride,



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